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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| n re Application of: |) |
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| Alan H. ANDERSON, et al. |) Group Art Unit: 3644 |
| Application No.: 10/712,042 |) Examiner: Unknown |
| Filed: November 14, 2003 |)) |
| For: ONE-PIECE CLOSED-SHAPE STRUCTURE AND METHOD OF FORMING SAME |) Confirmation No.: 7524)) |

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

STATUS INQUIRY

According to our records, the above-identified Divisional Application was filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("Patent Office") on November 14, 2003. Applicant's representatives filed a Status Inquiry with the Patent Office on May 18, 2005. In response to said Status Inquiry, a Communication dated June 1, 2005 was received from the Patent Office indicating that Applicants could expect to receive an Office Action approximately six months from the date of said Communication (i.e., approximately December 1, 2005). To date, Applicant's representatives have not received an Office Action on the merits of the application.

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In view of these circumstances, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests that the Office advise him of the status of this application as soon as possible in order to determine whether further action by the applicant is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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